

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JULY 30, 2002

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met from adjourned session and published call July 30, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island, Nebraska.

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lancaster

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by Rev. Ray Schroeder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGH.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the July 16 meeting.
 2. 5a Accept the committee report to set the bid opening for August 27, 2002 for box culverts at 10:00 a.m. and set the bid opening for August 27, 2002, for asphalt at 10:15 a.m.
 3. 5b Authorized the chair to sign agreement EACIM STPSS80-7 for I-80 to set corners
 4. 8 Approved Resolution #02-0045 for the exchange of collateral for the State Bank of Cairo for \$315,000.00
 5. 9 Approved the amusement license for the Grand Island Saddle Club
 6. 10 Authorized the chair to sign the utility easement for a transformer for the Beltzer Building
 7. 12a Place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Semi Annual Report
 8. 12b Place on file the report from the County Treasurer for the 1999 and 2000 prior delinquent personal property taxes
 9. Placed on file the office reports from the County Clerk and County Attorney statistical report
 10. Accepted and placed on file communications as received
- Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT HALL COUNTY CLERK JUNE 2002

TITLE FEES STATE	\$15,471.50
TITLE FEES COUNTY	8,047.50
RECORDING FEES	60.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE	870.00
PHOTO FEES & MISC	147.40
PLAT BOOKS	50.00
TOTAL	\$24,646.40

4 DISCUSSION OF OPERATING TRAIN PROPOSAL FROM STUHR MUSEUM – Pam Price was present to review the proposal for the operating train and the funding strategy. She thanked the County Board and stated she appreciated the support from Brad Fegley and County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz. In August 2002, the executive board voted to pursue an operating train for Stuhr Museum and at that time they formed the Train Funding Resource Advisory Committee T Frac. In September they reviewed information on a lease purchasing and the possibility of forming an interlocal agreement with local entities to partner funding for an operating train. The rail tracks, trusses, cars and building multiple structures for storage were discussed and all of the structures would have to meet ADA requirements. They would need to have financing to hire people for operating and up-keep of the train and structures and they would also need an endowment fund for this project. Board members attended meetings and Jerry Janulewicz attended several meetings and pointed out the legal issues. They also met with the audit committee and discussed the various issues. They discussed using a bond issue and putting it to a vote of the people and their attorney Richard Peterson found the option of creating a recreational facility that the museum could use to proceed with the necessary bond issue.

Ms. Price introduced Leann Steel and she reviewed the “All Aboard Plan” this plan would require community support for the train. The museum would also have to pursue a capital campaign. They provided pictures of reproduction engines that the museum may consider.

Bond attorney Richard Peterson provided copies of information concerning the proposed bond issue and the documentation that would be necessary for the board members to approve in order to proceed.

The county board would need to develop the declaration of intent and approve it. If the proposal goes on the ballot for the general election the ballot language would need to be to the election commissioner by August 28, 2002. So it is critical to move forward quickly.

Discussion was held on the bonds and how long they would be issued for. The attorney suggested five to twenty years for the bonds, but this has not been decided yet.

The board members reviewed the operating expenses and the proposed labor costs that would be needed for the operation of the train. The train would be operational from May to October and it would also be used for the Christmas walks in December. Hartman questioned who would serve as the train supervisor. Logan questioned the cost of the tickets. They stated that they are hoping to build attendance and the promotional items will also provide some revenue. The board asked if volunteers would be used and they already use a large number of volunteers but the three top positions would require definite skills so the museum will need some paid positions.

Hartman stated that the operating costs will be a small part because there will be more cost involved. He expressed concern on the shape of the county at this time.

Arnold stated that in the campaign for the bond issue, they are asking for one-half mill for the maintenance. He stated that the vote of the people would be a representation of the public opinion. It needs to be out in the open. The museum is proposing an interlocal agreement but this would also have to involve the City of Grand Island

because the museum levy is already part of the county levy. They would need clarification on the proposed interlocal agreement from the State Auditor's office. Discussion was held on how long the extra one-half mill would be necessary. The museum may need this support for up to 10 years. Lancaster stated that the voters should know that this might be temporary

Jeffries questioned how the money that is generated from the tax rate could be used and County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that the county could enter into an agreement to operate a recreational facility. Brad Fegley reminded them that revenue would not be generated for this until 2004.

Bud Wolbach stated that he feels that the museum is on the threshold of becoming the shining light of the mid-west and he encouraged the county board to support this project.

Susan Gallagher, executive director of Stuhr Museum stated that some things that they would want every one to understand is that the costs of running the railroad needs to be funded for the long haul. They must have a constant source of income so that it is not a burden. The museum offers a lot. People are making an investment in the community. They can't just have one piece they need to have all of the pieces come together to create this project. The train is a huge investment and the public needs to be part of the commitment.

Hartman stated he would like to congratulate the museum by taking this to a vote of the people. He stated he thinks it will pass. He questioned if the additional one-half mill could be part of the bond issue.

Eriksen questioned the time schedule and when this would start especially if there may be a two to three year construction period. Ms Price stated that the locomotive would take one to one and one-half years to build and there would they would also have to build the rail track. She stated that the bond attorney thought it could be let at the end of the year. Eriksen questioned if the one-half mill may not be needed for some time. Ms. Price stated that they do need to have three people on the payroll to start the project.

The board members thanked the museum staff and board members for the information. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

10:15 PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FLIGHT DECK RESTAURANT
Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to open the public hearing for the Flight Deck Restaurant. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and Airport Director Bill Stoval stated that he supported the request. No one spoke in opposition.

10:20 a.m. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve the liquor license for the Flight Deck Restaurant. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11 DISCUSS AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO ALDA TOWNSHIP BOARD – The Board received a letter from Susan Kleeb requesting the appointments of Susan Kleeb, Linda Thompson and Henry Husen to the Alda Township Board. The township has a CD in the amount of \$11,843.00 that they would like to use for the Senior Center in Alda. Ms. Kleeb stated that they have contacted the State Auditor's office concerning the budget and it will need to be filed by September 10, 2002. John Markussen will assist them in preparing a budget. They are requesting that Linda Thompson be appointed as chair, Susan Kleeb as treasurer and Henry Husen as the clerk. Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to appoint Linda Thompson as Chair of the Alda Township Board, Susan Kleeb as Treasurer and Henry Husen as Clerk. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

Arnold stated that the documents that will be necessary for Stuhr Museum would need to be on the agenda for the next meeting on August 13, 2002.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session for 2a CWA Negotiations and 13 Executive Session for Performance Evaluations - Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:25 Executive session CWA Negotiations

11:13 a.m. completed executive session CWA negotiations

11:14 a.m. #13 executive session performance evaluations

11:20 Eriksen made a motion and Logan seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

7 AUTHORIZE LONG RANGE PLANNING TO PROCEED TO ADVERTISE FOR SPACE FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND PROBATION OFFICE – Jim Eriksen stated that the request for proposals has been completed and they are suggesting to hold the bid opening for August 27, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. Discussion was held concerning waiting until the Long-Range Planning Meeting on Wednesday. The committee wants to make this available to the public so they want to proceed. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Lancaster stated that the item under County Attorney 2b Discussion and Action Regarding Deed of Trust on YWCA Project. This does not need to be addressed.

15 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND COMMENCE AUDIT OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND ACTION N CLAIM AUDIT – Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the claims as audited and authorize the clerk to pay.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka stated that the progress report was included and reminded the board members of the long-range planning work-study meeting on Wednesday and the keno presentation for Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – He attended the meeting at Mid-Plains and several other meetings.

Humiston – no report

Eriksen – He attended the county government day meeting and it will be held November 26 at the Veterans Club with basically the same agenda.

Arnold – He attended the Crime Commission meeting and they needed a quorum so that is why he was not here on Friday.

Jeffries – He attended the board of equalization meetings and all of the budget meetings and there are several more to go.

Logan – He attended the same meetings.

Lancaster – She reported that Workforce Development has now established Nebraska Job Link and provided information on it for the county.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m. the next meeting will be August 13, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

REMINDER – The County Board meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 and UHF Channel 56 Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.